BOER FIRE HAS IMPROVED.

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SHELLS DOING GREATER DAMAGE TO LADYSMITH AND MAFEKING.

Evidence of More Discipline in the Boen Army, Probably Due to the Presence of European Officers-Building Bomb-Proof Trenches at Colenso - Boers Also Strengthen Their Position in Front of Methuen's Force at Modder River.

Spec at Cable Despatch to THE BUS. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Stormy weather in Natal is causing a rise in the Tugela River which, according to one correspondent, should enable Gen. Builer to catch most of those Boers are southward of Colenso in the next few days. Another correspondent asserts that the road bridge over the Tugela was less damaged by the British guns then was supposed, and that the Boers are apparently able to use it. The correspondents declare that the naval guns are damaging the enemy's trenches at Colenso, at which, however, the Boers are constantly working.

Gen. White continues to heliograph cheerful messages from Ladysmith to Chieveley, representing that he is able to resist for six or eight weeks more with comparative case. Nevertheless, it is evident that the enemy's shell fire has improved at Ladysmith, as elsewhere, and the casualties of the besieged British are increasing.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Pieter-

maritzburg, dating his dispatch Dec. 23, declares that the character of the campaign has changed owing to European officers joining the Boers. The British he says, are no longer fighting he says, are no n guerrilla foe, but what is rapidly becom-ing a disciplined army. The Boers have converted the hids at Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Their trenches are excellently constructed and many of them are bombproof. Their main positions are connected by underground passages. Tramways have been laid enabling the guns to be shifted with astonishing rapidity. All this indicates that discipline has ecuquered the Boer disting of manual labor. Their ammunition has also improved in quality. Their shells now burst better.

A reconnoissance to the westward of Modder River on Wednesday revealed that the Boers have occupied positions many miles to the west of the railway, rendering it almost impossible for the British to make a turning movement in that direction owing to the roughness of the country and the lack of water

The Chronicle's correspondent at Sterkstroom, in a despatch dated Dec. 27, says that railway communication with Dordrecht has

been restored. The Chronicle's correspondent with Gen. Methuen, telegraphing under the same date, says: "The enemy are becoming decidedly aggressive. They shelled the British outposts for three hours to-day with three well masked guns at a range of 0,000 yards. Several of the shells fell dangerously near one of the British redoubts."

In connection with the Transvani's hitherto unsuccessful attempts to supersede Mr. Lloyd. an Englishman, in the management of the Lorenzo Marques branch of the Trans-National Bank, the Times's Lorenzo Marques correspondent telegraphs that the most active licer partisan in the dispute is Karl Wolffe, who represents the well-known British firm of Rosenthal on the Board of Directors of the bank. The correspondent adds that there is much Indignation among the coast loyalists be-British firms to execute orders that they must know emanate from the Boers. So long as they secure the enhanced prices they ask no questions. There are, however, some honorable exceptions.

A despatch to the Daily News from Frere, dated Dec. 27, says: "Everything is very quiet. The troops are making a tramway from the railroad to convey heavy guns to a hilltop commanding the Boer position."

METHUEN REPORTS AN ATTACK.

Boers Open a Heavy Artillery Fire on Him From South of Magerstontein.

Special Cable De patches to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 28,-The War Office bas received the following from Gen. Forestler-Walker at Cape Town, under date of Dec. 27: Methuen reports: 'The Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a very heavy fire this morning. The naval gun fired at the enemy on the west front on Magersfontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitring in a northeasterly direction.

Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnoissance west and north of Ensiln, and "Gatacre and French report no change in the

situation. Baden-Powell [the commander at Mafeking] reports all well on Dec. 12.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 23 (Delayed in transmission .- Mounted expeditions are frequently ent to the south and west to prevent Boer sympathizers from damaging the railroad. The Loers continue inactive. The Boers do

not celebrate Christmas to any great extent, New Year's being regarded as a greater The British troops are confident and are

eager to again attack the Boers. It has not rained for some days and the heat is intense.

It appears that the Dutch clergymen at the religious services held after the battle of Magerstontein moralized on the close formation of the Highland Brigade, which enabled the Boers to inflict such damage. The preachers generally took for their theme: "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad."

Medder River, Dec. 27 .- The Boors wasted a large quantity of ammunition last night. They apparently thought that a cavalry reconnelssance that was made yesterday morning was the forerunner of an attack in force. and imagining at about 7 o'clock that the British were about to advance, the Boers in the forward tranches began firing in the direction of the outposts. Their fusillade was harmless. The weather was boisterous and rainy and the night was dark, and in consequence it was some time before the Boers learned that no attack was meditated. Then their

A reconnoissance by cavalry in force was made this morning due west of Modder River Station, where there are uplands where it was thought the Boers were likely to throw up defences. It was found that the enemy held the country for a considerable distance to the west-This will make an attempt to turn their right flank almost impossible.

MILITARY ATTACHES WITH BULLER.

Inspecting the Camp at Chieveley and the Battlefield at the Tugela. Surgial rable Despatch to THE SUN.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 23. (Delayed in transmission).—The following foreign military attaches who were appointed to witness the operations from the British side, arrived here this morning from Pietermaritzburg; Capt. Slocum, of the American Army; Cols. Demange, of the French Army; Stackovitch, of Russia; Gentilino, of Italy; Trimmel, of Australia; and Baron von Lutwitz, of Germany, They will inspect the camp here to-day and will subse-

Last Train for St. Louis and Cincinnati leaves Grand Central Station every day at 2:20 P. M. via New York Central—Big Four Bouts.—Adv.

quently visit the field of the battle of Tugela River, which resulted in the checking of Gen Buller's advance on Dec. 15.

WOMEN AID THE WOUNDED. Meet the Trains From the Front and Serve

Delicacies to the Soldiers. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. Cape Town, Dec. 23 (Delayed in transmission).—A second regiment of South African horse is being formed.

wounded soldiers here express gratitude at the efforts that are made to provide them with every comfort. Women meet the ambulance trains on arrival here and serve coffee, feed drinks and delicacies to the

Col. Surgeon Hartly has arrived here for the purpose of forming a second volunteer ambulance corps.

GERMANS STOP BOER RECRUITING. Won't Allow Men or Horses to Leave Da-

Special rable Despatch to THE BUN. LONDON, Dec. 28 .- A despatch to the Time rom Cape Town states that recruiting by the Boers in Damaraland, German Southwest Africa, has been promptly stopped by German officers, who will allow neither men nor horses to cross the boundary.

Damarsland is northwest of Cape Colony. It is west of the northern portion of the Trans-vasi. Khama's country intervenes at the north between the Transvasi and Damarsland.

MORE DAMAGE AT MAPERING. Boers Tightening Their Lines and Using

Better Shells. Special Cable Desputch to Tun Sen. MAPERING, Dec. 10.—The Boers are tighten-ing their lines around this town. They have better shells now than they had at the beginning of the siege and consequently their bombardments do greater damage and cause more casualties.

INDIAN CHIEF FOLUNTERRS.

Maharaiah of Gwaller Wants to Take Horses and Men to South Africa.

Special Cable Desputs to THE SUN.
CALCUITA, Dec. 28.—The Maharajah of Gwallor has volunteered for service in Bouth Africa. He has also offered to send troops and horses to that country.

Deaths of Fever at Ladysmith.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The War Office has feaued a Pietermaritzburg despatch dated resterday which reports six deaths from enteric fever and one from dysentery at Ladysmith on

Germans Arrested in Natal.

Special Cable Perpared to THE SUR. DUBBAN, Dec. 28. - Two Germans named Srucke and Hartes have been arrested for aiding the Boers.

TRIBAL WAR IN NEW GUINEA. Seven Villages Burned and the Missionaries'

Lives in Danger. cial Cable Desputch to Tan Sun. Brania, Dec. 28.—The Cologne Gasette says there is bad news for the British from New

Guinea. A feud has broken out among the big Papuan tribes. Seven villages have been burned and the lives of the missionaries are endangered. There are fears that the disorder will apread to German territory.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.-Australian adwises say that the civil war in New Guines continues. Twenty villages are now in ruins. Tra te has been suspended and all trading stations looted. When the steamer Victoria, now at Sydney, left the islands the natives were in tulliwar paint and the death roll was enormous. The war is between the seacoast and inland patives.

New Guinea is a British possession embrac-ing a po. lon of the island of Papus and several other islands. It is regarded as a postal dra-triet of Queenslayd, and the colonies of Victrict of Queensiand, and the colonies of vic-toria, New South Wales and Queensiand have a voice in the general administration of its af-fairs. The population of New Guines is about 350,000, of whom only 250 are Europeans. In 1884 a German protectorate was established over a section of southeast Papua under the name of Kaiser Wilhelm's Land. Four missionary bodies have been working in New Guines—the London Missionary Scalety on the south coast, the Ragred Heart Society in the Mekeo district, the Wesleyans in the islands and the Anglican Mission on the northeast coast.

RAN DOWN AN EMPTY TRAIN.

Wreck on the Long Island Railroad at Bellmore-Two Engineers Injured.

BELLMORE, L. I., Dec. 28 .- A west-bound freight train ran into a passenger train of three coaches and an engine standing at the Long Island Railroad station here shortly after 5 o'clock this evening. The passenger train makes up here for its run to Jamaica The rear brakeman had been recalled by whistle, and when the freight train appeared around the bend to the eastward, was too near his own train to flag it, but had not yet had time to set the rear lights. With no lights to warn him, the engineer of the freight train, Edward Murphy, did not see the passenger train until it was too late to stop. The shock of the collision sent him flying through the window of his cab onto an embankment. He received internal injuries and a sprained aukle. Two flat cars behind the freight engine were smashed and the first two loaded bux cars mounted the engine. The passenger train was sent forward forty rods by the collision. Tom Welsh, the engineer, was under the engine oiling at the time. He clung to a support a id was carried along with the engine. He was injured internally and was attended by a doctor on a hospital car sent from Long Island City. One passenger coach was demolished. No passengers had yet boarded the train. Henry Stillman, the freight fireman, stuck to the engine, but escaped injury, and saved the wreck from liames by drawing the engine fire. Belimore is on the Montauk division, twen ty-six miles east of Long Island City. ward, was too near his own train

BOUTELLE IN AN INSANE ASTLUM The Congressman Taken to the McLean In-

stitution at Waverly, Mass. BOSTON, Dec. 28 -- Congressman C. A. Boutelle. Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, is a patient at the McLean Insane Asylum in Waverly, where he was taken on last Tuesday morning from his home in Bangor, Me. He was accompanied there by his brother, E. P. Boutelle, and his family physician, Dr. Daniel A. Robinson, and the latter is attending

Daniol A. Roothson, and the later is actually the Congressman at the saylum. His condition is serious, as he is suffering from Bright's disease in its last stages.

There was a rumor on the street this morning that the Congressman was dead. E. A. Routelle, the Congressman's brother, was called up by telephone at Bangor, Me., and asked concerning the rumor of his brother's death.

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Trolley Car and Ambulance Crash.

A St. Vincent's Hospital ambulance answering a call, came into collision with a trolley car Eighth avenue near Fourteenth street vesterday. The ambulance was siewed around by the shock and slightly damaged. Ambu-lance Surgeon Fitch who rode in it, was thrown from his seat and bruised, but escaped

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WEDDED LATE AT NIGHT.

RICHARD CROKER WARREN AND MRS. CORSE MARRY AT GREENWICH, CONN.

Warren's First Wife Had Secured a Divorce From Him-Second Wife Had Been Married Twice Before-Clergyman Befused

to Join Them-Local Judge Officiates. GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 28.-Richard Croker Warren, nephew and namesake of the Tammany leader, and Mrs. Sarah L. Corse, both of Flushing, N. Y., were married here at midnight last night. In some respects it resembled the marriage of Perry Belmont and Mrs. Sloane which took place here recently. The Belmont-Sloane affair was arranged by a lawyer and a congregational elergyman officiated. He did not know of Mrs. Sloane's recent divorce until afterward and grief over the mistake caused a serious illness. He has since died. In this case a Methodist minister refused to marry the couple and a lawyer officiated. In both ases divorces had just been granted in New York State against one of the contracting parties, and therefore a second marriage in that State was impossible.

Mr. Warren and Mrs. Corse arrived in Greenwich on the 11 o'clock westbound train last night and engaged Edward Pine, a hackman, to take them to the Methodist parsonage where the Rev. William W. Gillies lives. Mr. Gillies had retired but donned his clothes and came to the front door, opening it as far as the chain lock would permit. Through this opening this conversation took place:

Will you marry me to-night?" asked Mr.

"Have you a license?" "No; is it necessary in Connecticut to have one?"

"Certainly."
"If we get a license and come back here will you marry us?" asked the woman. "State the circumstances."
"Well," said Mr. Warren, "I am a divorced

man. My wife was granted a divorce to New York on the ground of adultery. I am 27 years old and my wife to be is a widow, aged 35." "That's enough," Mr. Gillies answered, "I wouldn't marry you under any circumstances.
I have no moral right to do so."
But isn't there any one in town who will marry us?" asked the woman. Mr. Gillies replied.

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"There isn't a clergyman in the State of Connecticut who will do it. A Justice of the Feace might."

This auggestion opened a way out of the difficulty and the driver took the couple to the house of the Town Clerk, James R. Mead, a half mile away. Mr. Mead and his wife were in Fort Chester attending a wedding, his mother and a servant remaining at home. The knocks upon the door frightened them and, thinking it was a case of burglars, admittance was refused. Mr. and Mrs. Mead, returning at 11:30 oclock, saw the couple sitting in a hack in front of their house. Being told of their desire for a marriage license he invited them into the house, and after asking the customary questions thied out the legal blank.

"Now, who will marry us? Can't you?" asket Mrs. Corse.

"Yes I can." replied Mr. Mead, "for I am Deputy Judge of Greenwich borough court and have that power. I just reased the house of Judge C. D. Burnes, however, and it was lighted up. If he is up. I had rather he would do it. If you can't get him. I will marry you."

This satisfied the couple, and the hackman was sent to see Mr. Burnes. The Judge was coming home when the hackman seconsted him. He thought it was a highwayman, and was preparing to fight when the backman asked:

"Will you marry a couple, Judge?" Failing to see any young lady around, the Judge said:

"Villes when?"

The sew might away."

see any young lady around, the Judge said:
"Yes, when?"
In a few minutes. You get ready and I'll bring them right away."
The Town Clerk looked at his watch when he dated the license to be sure which day it was. The time was ten minutes to 12 o'clock. The town clock was siriking 12 as Mr. Warren and Mrs. Gorse entered Judge Burnes's residence. Upon looking at the license the Judge recognized the name of the bridgeroom as that of a former playmate of his in Flushing. The Judge's lather is the Bey. Harvey Burnes and at one time was stationed there. After the legal ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Warren went to a hotel. They departed this morning on the 9 o'clock train for New York city.

The Rev. Mr. Gillies expresses his indignation over the wedding. Why," said he to a Sux reporter, those people had no legal or moral right to marry, and I tol' them so. The mean similate I that a divorce had been secured on ground that were a violation of all State or Rible law, and i am surprised that even a

on ground & at were a violation of all State or Bible law, and I am surprised that even a Judge should marry them. If he knew the facts, and a marriage like that should have been inquired into.

Judge Burnes says that the preparations were made so hurriedly that he did not inquire into the divorce matter and that he complied with the law when he tied the nuptial knot.

It is only a few months ago that Warren's first wife, who was Miss Grace Morrell, daughter of Justice of the Peace Henry C. Morrell of Manhaeset, L. L. secured a divorce from him, She and her child are now living with her parents. The second Mrs. Warren was Mrs. Sarah Corse, widow of Frederick Corse. She lives at 48 Monroe street. Flushing. She is a daughter of former Police Cantain Dennis Caril of Whitestone. This is her third marriage, Her first hushand was George Schrader, a brakeman on the Long Island Bailroad. He was killed in an accident in 1883. She afterward married Corse, who died four years ago. She has two children.

WOMAN IN THE ICE BOX.

Iceman Was Late and She Nearly Died-Says Her Husband's Partner Shut Her In. Dennis Casey, an iceman, arrived at an opportune moment in the butcher shop of Freund Epstein and Jacob Richman at 204 Madison street yesterday. Richman's wife was locked up in the ice box. Casey, as it happened, was an hour late, and when he released the woman she was almost exhausted. In addition, she says that she has lost \$50 from the Richman and Epstein became partners

about two weeks ago. There have been dis-

agreements between them since, and scores of

affidavits now in process of preparation by

members of the Essex Market Bar Associatio will tell both sides of the story. Just after 8 o'clock yesterday morning Richman. Mrs. Richman and Epstein were alone in the butcher Richman and Epstein were alone in the butcher shop.

I vill go down by der marged of Mard in Engel undt order some more geese," said Richman to Epstein.

You will stay here by der store, mine vile," said Richman to his wife.

According to Mrs. Richman, soon after her husband went away Epstein told her he heard water leaking into the milk in the ice box and invited her to go in and put the cover on the can. When she went in to do so he fastened the door on her. She screamed, but her cries were not heard outside the box. According to her subsequent statement to Police Captain Brown, however, Mrs. Richman did not iose her head entirely.

"I vill be freezed ter death," she said to herself. "But dere is von hope. Casey, der izeman, vill gome here. He is to be here now. He vill resque me."

But almost an hour passed and there was no sign. Mrs. Richman became frantic, "vere is Casey," she yelled. "Casey, consey, vy are you lade?" Then she fainted Casey, or are you lade?" Then she fainted Casey opening the icebox soon alterward found her and dragged her out to a warmer atmosphere. When she revived, shaking her fist at him, she screamed: "You was n-arly mine murderer. Vy was you

lade?" Then she fainted Casey opening the leebox acon afterward found her and dragged her out to a warmer atmosphere. When she revived, shaking her fist at him, she screamed: "You was hearly mine murderer. Vy was you not here before? You was lade, unde I was nearly freezed."

"Begorra, "said Casey, "they do be savin" how wud yez lolke ter be ther oldeman? Of don't think they'z innything in ut. If some av thim blokes want me job, thin begorra let thim come down here and git ut. Of may be charged wid tryin't to fraize out a Jew."

Mrs. Richmeas, however, was intent on her troubles. She had rushed to the cash drawer and on getting there frantically announced that Epstein had skipped with \$50 which had been left in it. Tearing her hair she, rau to the Madison street police station, accompanied by a score of witnesses. Capt Brown, who can talk several Yiddish dialects and can understand several more, heard everybody. Then he informed Mrs. Richman that one partner could not steal 'rom another. Finally he detailed Detectives McCarthy and sheehan to find Epstein if possible. They arressed him shartly before to clock last night and under Capt. Brown, wo orders locked him up on a charge of assault.

"These people all agree on that part of the story," said the Captain, "and if succor had not arrived in time this woman might have been frozen to death."

If I Had Your Teeth, id use Bensolyptus Tooth Powfor to clean It is perfection. At all druggist -- Ada,

BAIL-BOND FERRELL BROKE. The Negro Politician Accumulates Linbill-

ties of \$150,479. Frank J. Ferrell, the negro politician who at-

tained some notoriety last summer as a bonds. man for women arrested in the Tenderloin for streetwalking, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday in which he stated that his liabilities were about \$100,000 greater than his assets About \$3,500 worth of his liabilities are judgments against him on forfeited bonds. Ferrell is a gas and steamfitter and con-

tractor at 148 West Twenty-seventh street. He was at one time chief engineer of the Post Office, and is well-known in negro political circles. In 1802 he organized the Ferrell Manufacturing Company. He said last night that his desire to enter into bankruptcy would not affect the company.

In his petition Mr. Ferrell names 130 creditors to whom he owes \$15 1,479. He owes \$9,000 to Frank Ferrell, Sr., \$9,800 to Peter G. Ferrell, \$2,600 to Hattle Ferrell, \$37,000 to the Ferrel! Manufacturing Company and \$22,000 to T. M. Nelson, Thirtleth street and Seventh

to T. M. Nelson, Thirtleth street and Seventh avenue.

Mr. Ferrell was asked last night who T. M. Nelson was and said, "He is a personal friend."

At the time he said this Ferrell was standing in front of the bar of the saloon of Bob Nelson, Chief Devery's friend, who has had a monopoly of the bailtond business in the Tenderloin during the present administration. This saloon is at Thirtieth street and Seventh avenue. Bob Nelson entered the room while Ferrell was speaking and left it again at once. A moment later a man came in and took Ferrell out in a great hurry. Ferrell went door and was not seen again. Bob Nelson was found a few minutes later behind the desk of the West Thirtieth street station, where he eyends much of the time, although not an enrolled member of the denartment.

"Who is the T. M. Nelson," he was asked, "to whom Frank Ferrell owes \$20,000?"

"Didn't Farrell tell you," asked Mr. Nelson. Then he retired into the police station telephone room which is usually sarred to sergents and detectives. It was about a year ago that Farrell first apneared as a bondsman for women in the Tenderloin station, He was not seen there until Nelson went to Loug Branch for the summer. He was so popular there that at least one of the sergeants was in the habit of calling up sergeants of other police stations over the telephone, at Mr. Ferrell's request, and saving:

"Sav. Mike, you've got a woman named up there, haven't you? Well, there's a colored gentleman coming up there to bail her out. His name is Ferrell and he's bour fldy."

Ferrell said last night that the forfeited bonds named in his petition in bankruptoy were most of them bonds which were as he expressed it. "Immsterial, trelevant, filegal and inconsequential," and that it was easier to bear them by going into bankruptcy than by figiting them had one was only forfeited, bend, and, through a misunders'anding and was n

FARMER WELLS BUYS MINE STOCK.

Hasn't Been Worked in Twenty Years. GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 28.-James D. Wells, a farmer who lives four miles west of Dunder, is on his way to New York city in search of two men who gave their names as Frederick ton. Col. The two men called on Mr. themselves as mine owners and friends of Mr. Wells's son, John A. Wells, who owns one of the largest mines near Silverton. Wessels and Hay called on Wells at various times and talked with him of mines and mining. One day Wells overheard Wessels say to Hay that he had 30,000 shares in the Laxy Jake Mining Company, which were for sale at 10 cents per share. Hay replied that Wessels must be a froi, as the stock was in demand in Denver at 25 cents per share. On Dec. 4 Wessels broached the Lazy Jake subject to Farmer Wells. After some discussion, in which Wessels said he wanted to sell out and go to (ubs. Wells agreed to pay 10 cents per share. Or \$3,000, for the Lazy Jake stock, Farmer Wells drove to town, drew the money from the bank and paid it to Wessels the same afternoon. The men left on a south bound train. They said they were going to New York city the same night. A day or two later Wells wrote the full particulars of his purchase to his son in Silveryon. He received a reply yesterday which was in part as follows: Wells at various times and talked with him of

"BEAR FATHER: You are a damn fool to let two ducks come along and pull your leg for \$3,000. They must have got hold of both legs and pulled for lair. I think there is an asyum for imbedies in Syracuse. You had better engage quarters at once. The Lazy Jake mine has not been worked for twenty years. The stock commands the current price for waste paper."

E. L. GODKIN BEFORE JAKE HESS. Had Seen Two Policemen Loading for Eight

Minutes, but Could Not Identify Them. E. L. Godkin, formerly one of the editors of the Evening Fost, had occasion to go uptown on the Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad two weeks ago and lost his train. The next train was late and Mr. Godkin lost his patience as well. Standing upon the platform at the Eighth street station he saw two policemen chatting minutes. When his train came and shot them out of sight they were still at it. Mr. Godkin thought out a rebuke on the way uptown and put it in order when he arrived home. He directed it to the Police Commissioners and concluded that he had done a citizen's duty. The Commissioner received the complaint and sen: it to the Chief. The Chief told Inspector Thompson to find the two officers who should have been on duty on ourgoing posts at that point on the day in question, and the inspector found them. They denied the charge. Nevertheless they were told to go before Commissioner Heavy esterday for trial. Mr. Godkin was told the same.

All three went. Mr. Godkin met face to face, at last, the "Jake" Heas whom he had so often called by his first name with intent to gail. They looked at each other curiously, but melther gave any sign of being strongly move i, Mr. Heas from the judgment seat required Mr. Godkin to state if l'atroimen V. M. Kinsman and George Becker, who appeared to answer the charge, were the men who talked in his sight under the elevated. Mr. Godkin looked at them long and searchingly and said that really he didn't know. Those talking assumed birger to him, yet they might be the same. The two policemen looked injured. Mr. Hess said: "Case closed." put it in order when he arrived home. He

HONOLULU'S WAR ON THE PLAGUE, Disease Stamped Out by Prompt Action

After the First Case was Discovered. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 .- The dreaded bubonic plague, which has proved so deadly in the native quarters of Hong Kong and Canton and several Japanese cities, broke out at Honolulu on Dec. 12 and six deaths occurred. This roused the town and the disease was stamped out in a few days by putting an armed cordon around the infected Chinese district and permitting no person to pass through. In six hours \$25,000 was raised to protect the city from the plague. The surgeon of the transport Centennial tells the following story of the measures taken by the American residents to prevent the spread of the disease:
"When we reached Honolulu the whole town

was in a panic. Three days before a bookwas in a panic. Three days before a book-keeper employed by a large Chinese wholesale house was found to have the plague. Immediately the Orient district was quarantined. Six thousand Chinese, Japanese and natives were confined in the cordoned territory. The Orientals were terror stricken and attempted to evade the quarantine. The Board of Health called for \$10,000 and armed men to enforce the quarantine. Within six hours \$25 0.0 had been raised and a regiment of men had volunteered their services. An armed cordon was thrown around the entire district. No one was allowed to enter or leave this section was thrown around the entire district. No one was allowed to enter or leave this section without a permit from the Board of Health. "Within twenty-four hours after the book-keeper's case had been lagnosed as the bubonic plague five deaths had occurred, all from the plague. Furnigation plants and crematories were established at the four corners of the Oriental section and the bodies of the dead were cremated. A strict guard prevented the spread of the disease. The Centennial adopted the precaution of tarring its hawsers to keep the rats from getting on board the ship."

WE SENT A SHIP TO AFRICA.

NAVY DEPARTMENT CONCEALED THE MONTGOMERY'S MOVEMENTS.

It Admits That She Was Sent to the West Coast of Africa but Denies That She Has Been Doing Police Duty for the British-Has Returned to Buenos Ayres.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-It came out to-day, in consequence of some remarks made by Senator Mason of Illinois, that despite the instructions to Rear Admiral Schley not to permit any of the vessels of the South Atlantic squadron to go to Africa during the British-Boer War, the Department ordered the cruiser Montgomery, one of Schley's ships, to visit ports on the west coast of Africa since the war began. While the visit would not otherwise have been considered as anything out of the ordinary, for the cruiser, according to all accounts, did not go near Delagoa Bay, Cape Town or Durban, the secrecy which the Navy Department has ob-served regarding the Montgomery's movements makes it certain that the Department had some reason, of which it did not want the public to know, for sending her to the African coast. Definite information is not obtainable at the Department, but the admission is made there that the Montgomery did visit two West African ports.

Senator Mason says that he has been informed by an officer on board the Montgomery that the cruiser has been doing police duty for the British Government on the African coast, and that he intends to make the matter the subject of a resolution of inquiry in the Sen-The Senator says that his informant wrote that the British ships in the waters of Sierra Leone, a British colony, had been sen to do duty nearer the scene of war, and that this withdrawal caused the natives of the colony to become rebellious. The Montgomery, according to the Senator's informant, was then sent to Sierra Leone to overawe the malcontents. Senator Mason says that his resolution will ask the Secretary of the Navy to inform the Senate if the Montgomery is remaining at Sierra Leone in pursuance of any understanding with Great Britain, and if not, why the cruiser has been kept in that vicinity

The most explicit denial was made at the Navy Department of Senator Mason's implied allegations that the Montgomery visited Sierra Leone in accordance with an understanding with Great Britain and that she has been doing police duty for the British in African waters. But that denial is about the only explicit thing that the Department has to say on the subject. Information concerning the Montgomery's movements was refused by the Bureau of Navigation at first, but Secretary Long later in the day directed the Bureau officials to answer inquiries of the press. The Secretary said that the places visited by the Montgomery were on her station, that the Wilmington had been assigned to visit ports on the east coast of South America and the Montgomery to visit ports on the west coast of Africa, and that there was no truth in the suspicion entertained by Senator Mason that she had been doing voice duty for the British Government. He referred The Sun reporter to the Navigation Bureau for details.

It was learned at the Nav gation Bureau that the Montgomery is now at Buenos Arres. The officer to whom application was made said that he said not know when she arrived there. It was his impression that she had left South America for Africa about Nov. 1. She had visited Free Town, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and then returned to South America. Beyond that he knew nothing.

The most plausible explanation yet obtained from a reliable source is that the Montgomery was sent to Liberia to ascertain the truth of reports that Great Britain and Germany contemplated selling that country. These reports were published about the time the Montgomery started for Africa. The United States Government has always taken in naternal interest in the negro republic, and would certainly not allow the seignre to occur without a vigerous protest at least A desire on the part of the Navy Department's explanation that the Montgomery was sent on the regular station, but the Department's concealment of the cruiser's movements indicates that it has not been as The most explicit denial was made at the

MINISTER ACCUSED OF IMMORALITY. Chaplain Who Testified Against Senator

Clark's Lawyer Has Resigned. HELENA, Mont., Dec. 28.-B. E. Warren. haptain of the lower house of the last Legislature, the minister who testified before the Supreme Court in the Wellcome disbarment proceedings that he interviewed W. A. Clark during the Senatorial fight in the interest of securing money for a "friend" for supporting Clark, is out of the ministry. He has resigned his pastorate at White Hall and Willow Creek From all that can be learned of the case, he was confronted with charges of immorality, and, rather than answer these, he resigned, protesting, however, that the charges

Recently Presiding Elder S. B. Tabor of Bose man received the charges against Mr. Warren. These alleged immoral conduct while he was connected with the church at East Helena and of immoral conduct during the session of the Legislature, the latter being association with ewd women. It was also alleged that he had so licited money from members of the lower house saying that he needed it for his church. This is against the rules of the church. Presiding Elder Tabor appointed a committee to investi gate the charges. The committee recently sent word to Mr. Warren to appear be committee and meet the charges. He replied by sending to Presiding Elder Tabor his license and ordination papers, saying that the charges were false, but that he would resign. There the matter rests. At the next conference, it is

believed, he will be expelled In discussing the matter a member of the church said that Mr. Warren would have had to explain his testimony before the Supreme Court, even if the graver charges of immorality in accepting \$100 from Senator Clack ostensibly for his church, has never been fully explained, Senator Clark said the minister asked that the check be made payable to the bearer rather than to the church, and this aroused the Senstor's suspicion. It is understood that this check, with the minister's indorsement on the back, will be furnished by Senator Clark when desired.

BRIBED BY CLARK'S ENEMIES. Witness Against the Senator's Attorney

Makes a Public Confession. HELENA, Mou., Dec. 28.-Another sensation

in Senator Clark's bribery case developed today. Z. T. Cason, a former Helena attorney, but now residing in Butte, was a witness before the Supreme Court in the case to disbar Wellcome, Clark's attorney, and gave some damaging testimony in relation to the alleged bribery and corruption during the Senatorial fight. Cason to-day made public a confession

written, he says, of his own free will, in which he decares that he got \$400 to testify against Senator Clark's manager and says that he did it because his family was starving. He says he has since repented and seeks to relieve his Baseball on the Produce Exchange.

The only Exchange that will be closed to-

Produce Exchange, as a New Year's celebra-

tion, the members will have a game of baseball after business crases. The feams will recresent the grain brokers and freight brokers respectively, and soft balls and willow bats will be used. Five States in Five Hours. The "Royal Limited," beautiful, swift and sure, Leaves New York, South Ferry and Foot of Liberty at, daily 3 P. M., arrives Washington 8 P. M. Ex-guisite Dining and Cafe Car Service,—4da,

BRYAN TO RIDE AN OSTRICH.

Will Run a Race With Ex-Gov. Hogg o the Street in Austin.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 28.—Ex-Gov. J. S. Hogg is determined to give Col. Bryan a good time and as much notoriety as possible during his stay in Austin. Hogg pur-chased two ostriches at the San Antonio Ostrich Farm three years ago and brought the birds to this city. They have been kept captive in a vacant lot adjoining Hogg's home, and have flourished so well that they are now probably the champion ostriches of this country in size. They have been broken to ride and also to drive double to the family earriage. Bryan has taken a deep interest in the birds. and he and Hogg have had much fun riding them around the vacant lot during the past

In order to determine which of the birds is the fleetest on foot, arrangements have been made to give an exhibition race between the birds on Congress avenue on next Saturday. Bryan will ride one of the birds and Hogg the other. Although no public announcement of the proposed race has been made, the report that it is to take place has ated widely and it is expected that a big crowd of visitors will be here to see.

HAD MONEY TO BURN, AND BURNED IT Rennedy Puts His \$5,000 Beyond the Beach

of His Relations. TERRE HAUTS, Ind., Dec. 28.-Porter H. Kennedy of Center Point, who became insane a week ago and about that time drew \$5,000 from the bank, now says he burned it, and there is evidence that he did burn the

money. His ballucination was that his relatives

were trying to get it and he burned it to pre-

vent them doing so. DUBLIN TO HONOR CROKER.

Talk of Placing a Marble Bust of Him in the Council Chamber There. Letters recently received from prominent men in Dublin state that in recognition of Richard Croker's aid in raising funds in New York for the preservation of the Parnell estate at Avondale, County Wicklow, Ireland, the Lord Mayor of Dublin has suggested to the Municipal Council the propriety of placing a marble ipal Council the propriety of placing a marble bust of Mr. Croker in a prominent place in the Council Chamber of the Irish capital. The proposition, which is indersed by press and people in Dublin, will be discussed at the first session of the council after Jan. I. Through the suggestion of John E. Redmond, M. P., the Irish Nationalists of all parties are to solicit subscriptions to defray the expense of a life-size oil portrait of Mr. Croker, which will be hung on the waits of the "Antient" concert room in Dublin. The members of the Parnell family also intend to extend to Mr. Croker a special lavitation to make the mansion his emporary home whenever he visits Ireland and a room, which will be known as the "Tammany Chamber," will always be in readiness for him.

QUEER WAIF IN POLICE CARE, Sings and Talks to the Cat, but Won't An-

swer Questions-Isn't Deaf Either. There is a bright little girl in the Police there. She was picked up in Eighth avenue on Wednesday night with 30 cents in the pocketbook of her little muff, and has since not answered a question that has been put to her. Sometimes she points to her ear, as if she were

Sometimes she points to her ear, as if she were deaf, but she is not that, nor is she mute. She miks to the cat when alone, and sings "to beat the band," the policemen say, but becomes silent the moment a question is put to her, though she is very friendly with any one who will talk to her.

The child's manner suggests a nervous affection at times, and she has a little carch in her voice when she starts singing. She is apparently a years old, and the child of poor parents. The police cannot make her out and they would like to know who she is.

SEEKING \$15,000 FROM THE SEA. An Effort to Recover a Sunken Cargo Off Fire Island.

Edward J. Samis of Babylon, L. L. has entered into a contract with a company of this which was lost in the wreck of the ship John Adams on the Fire Island beach at a point near the site of the Burf Hotel, in 1826. Unsuccessthe site of the surf Hotel, in 1826. Unsuccessful attempts were made to recover the cargo by the insurance companies. Some years ago Jonathan Samis, a civil engineer, father of Elward Samis, undertook to find the lead. He succeeded in locating it, but, failing to make satisfactory arrangements with the insurance companies, abandoned the attempt to recover it. He made a survey, which is in the possession of his son.

REPAYMENT AFTER 41 YEARS. Mr. Frazee, Who Lonned \$4,000 in 1858 Will

Receive a \$15,000 Bequest. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 28 .- Henry Augustus Frazee of South avenue, who has been living in retirement since the loss of a leg a few years ago in a runaway accident, has just received assurances that he is held to \$15,020 under the will of the late W. P. Hedden of Toledo, Ohio, In 1858, Mr. Fraze-loaned Mr. Hedden \$4,000 to invest in a business in Newark. The money was lost in the venture, and being di-couraged, Hedden went West. Mr. Fraze-elheard nothing more of him and had given up hope of the repayment of his money.

FIGHT WITH COLOMBIAN REBELS Government Censorship Keeps Secret the Besult of the Engagement.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. Colon, Colombia, Dec. 28,-There was an important engagement in the Department of Santander recently between the Government troops and the revolutionists. The censorship restrictions prevent THE SUN's correspondent from capling the lasue of the battle.

Three thousand Government troops are being concentrated at Honda in the Department of Tolima, southwest of Sentander.

Charles Frohman and Henry Miller Sued. MILWAURER, Wis., Dec. 28.-Henry Miller, the actor, and Charles Frohman, under whose direction he is starring in "The Only Way. taken from Charles Dickens's story of a "Tale of Two Cities," have been made defendants in a \$25,000 damage sulf which has been begun here by Col. Gate Baker, Jr., and May Winhold of this city, who say that they are authors of a play of that name. A temperary injunction has been secured by the plaint if against the use of the name.

Respite for Howard Benham Until Feb. 10. ALBANY, Dec. 28. - Gov. Roosevelt has granted a respite to Howard Benham, the Batavia wife murderer, until Feb. 10. A motion has been made before Supreme Court Justice Hooker for a new irial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, and the respite was granted at Justice Hooker's request, in order that he might have time to consider the facts presented on the motion. Benham was to have suffered the d-ath penalty at Auburn Prison some day next week.

Automobile Mail Wagons in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 28. - Automobiles are to replace orses in the Chicago Post Office service in transferring the mail from station to station transforring the mail from station to station and to and from the railroad stations. Mail wagons of the latest pattern have been turned out, and fo-day an official test was made of the new vehicles. Fostmaster General Smith, after viewing the work of the new wagons, recom-mended that contracts be awarded for the

morrow will be the Cotton Exchange. On the Large Shipments of Gold To-morrow. Shipments of gold to Europe by the steamship sailing to-morrow promise to be large Heidelbach, Ickolheimer & Co, will ship at least \$1,500,000, Muller, Schall & Co, will ship \$750,000 and August Belmont & Co, will ship \$750,000 and August Belmont & Co, will ship

> Pennsylvania Ratiroad Wins 28 hours 48 minutes to St. Louis, 2114 hours to Cincinnati, via "Pennsylvania, Limited" without extra fare. 446.

WANT WAKEMAN REMOVED

PRICE TWO CENTS.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION ORDERS & PETITION DRAWN UP.

Complaints That Capricious Orders at the Appraiser's Stores Are Driving Imports Away From This Port to Enter by

Way Even of Chicago-Examples Given. G. W. J. Angell, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Customs of the Merchanta' Associa-tion, said last night that the association had instructed him to draw up a petition to the Secretary of the Treasury demanding the instant diamissal from office of Appraiser Wilbur F. Wakeman. Mr. Angell said that he was informed that not only were all the principal importers of this city to sign the petition, but that many of the jobbers were to join them. Among those who were to sign the petition. Mr. Angell said, were many who had held

aloof from former attacks on the Appraiser, but who now felt that the time for forbearance was past. The general grounds upon which the dismissai of Mr. Wakeman will be asked for in the petition are allegations that he has so congested the business of this port by his methods of doing business and by his unreasonable rulings that he has seriously damaged the port : so much so that many importers of this city now receive their goods through Boston. city now receive their goods through Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News and Chicago, rather than subject their interests to Mr. Wakeman's caprices. Mr. Angell mentioned, as one of many causes for compaint by the importers against Mr. Wakeman, that he had ruled not long ago that instead of sending 10 per cent, of each shipment entering the port to the public stores for examination, 10 per cent, of each item in the invoice must be sent. The public stores had been clogged at once, the examiners had been overworked and there had been not the slightest gain in the accuracy of appraisements.

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The petition which he was preparing, Mr. Angell said, was intended to back up a large number of insividual letters that had been sent to Washington in the last few weeks. The sending of the petition was described by Mr. Angell as a measure of last resort, taken by men who were made desperate by the failure of the Treasury Department to take notice of milder protests.

There was a hearing before the Board of

Treasury Department to take notice of milder protests.

There was a hearing before the Board of Classification of the Board of United States General Appraisers yeateriay on the protest of James McCreery & Co. against the appraiser's classification of some mairas shirt material. He as-essed them an extra two centa a square yard on the ground that they contained other than the ordinary warp and filling threads.

Mr. Hayes, a cotton expert, formerly connected with the Arnoid Print Works, and now with Clarence Whitman & Co., testified against the appraiser's opinion. Assistant Appraiser Hartshorn testified that he had held at the time the Tariff bill became law the view now held by the appraiser, but that the appraiser had overruled him. At the ports of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Chicago the rulings were contrary to that of the appraiser in this instance. At Boston his view prevailed. Examiner Parkhii testified that he had been instructed, against this own opinion, to classify the goods as they are now classified. James McCreery and George Ricks also testified against the appraiser's view of the matter. A week was allowed for the filling of briefs. ther Parkhii testined that he had been in-structed, against his own opinion, to classifi-the goods as they are now classified. James McCreery and George Ricks also testified against the appraiser's view of the matter. A week was allowed for the filing of briefs.

CROKER PASSES FOR FIRE CHIEF. No Other Deputy Chief Ventured Into the

The Municipal Civil Service Commissioners announced vesterday that Edward F. Croker. nephew of Richard and acting Chief of the Fire Department, had passed the examination for Chief last week with a percentage of 97.30 out of a possible 100. No other deputy chief ventured to take the examination in competition. although it is nominally a competitive exami-

although it is nominally a competitive Exami-nation. Payrolls with Croker's name on them as Chief will receive the Commissioners' cer-tificate hereafter. Fire Commissioner Scannell appointed Croker Chief last spring on the retirement of Hugh Bonner, without any examination, but Croker couldn't draw his may as Chief, the ap-pointment being held diegal.

NEW LINE TO LIVERPOOL

Passenger Service From This Port to Be Established by Leyland & Co. Leyland & Co., who run a fleet of steamcity under which he will attempt to recover ships between Boston and Liverpool, anbetween \$10,000 and \$15,000 worth of piglead, nounce that they will begin a passenger ser-

vice between this port and Liverpool in about five weeks. P. W. Gibson, formerly of the old five weeks. P. W. Gibson, formerly of the old Guion line, who will be the head of the passenger department, said yesterday that the line would have offices in the new Battery Park building and a pier at the foot of Bethune street. North River. Some of the steamships that will be used temporarily in the New York service are the Armenian, Winifredian, Columbian and Georgian. Other ships, twin screws, on the order of the big White Star Liner Cymric, are under construction in British yards. A ship will sail every week from New York and from Liverpool.

A MATHEMATICAL PRODUCT.

Young Griffiths Appears Before the Paychologists and Answers Questions. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 28.-The psychologists of the American Society in their meeting to-day were again interested in the mathematical prodigy, Student Griffiths of Milford, Ind. He prodigy, Student Griffiths of Milford, Ind. He was presented by his professors and was put through of series of tests by Pro s. Phillips and Wright of Yale.

"What day of the week was March 31, 1857?" asked Prof Phillips.

"Sunday." replied the prodigy before the professors had time to count two. The records proved him to be correct. Other dates were tried with the same success. In accounting for his processes, Griffiths gave some very crude rules, but showed that much of his work depends on a remarkable fund of accumulated data. He is pronounced by the Yale professors a prodigy.

NEW FUEL FOR STEAMERS.

Hamburg-American Line Freight Boats to S ecial Cable Despatch to Tun Sus. Hamburg, Dec. 28 .- The Hamburg-American Packet Company intends to use a new fuel on its freight steamers that are now being

hullt for the east Asian trade. This fuel is a semi-fluid petroleum which is imported 'rom Boraco. It is not liable to spontaneous combustion. It economizes space and allows of a reduction in the number of firemen. FOX TERRIER NABS A THIEF.

He Was Making Off With Cash From the Louis Brochfeld, who keeps a butcher store at 520 Fifth street and lives in rooms behind the store, was disturbed at supper last night by the bark of his fox terrier and saw a man going out of the door. The fox terrier was holding on to his trousers. The butcher caught the man and discovered that he had taken \$15 from the meney drawer. He turned

LEVIED ON PULIMAN'S HOUSE, Sheriff to Sell George M. Jr.'s Place at Oakhurst for Debt.

itn over to a policeman

Long Brancu, N. J., Dec. 28.-A house and ot owned by George M. Puliman, Jr., at Oakhurst, a suburb of Elberon, will be sold at Sheriff's sale on Jan. 20 to satisfy a cia m held by Jota Walden. Walden is well-known on the turf. Mr. Puliman, while a resident of Eaton-town, occupied Mr. Walden's house and became in arrears for rent.

Iron Wedge Stops Harlem Trolley Cars.

A mischief-maker placed an iron wedge in the slot of the westbound undertrolley track in 125th street last night, and stopped the cars for fitteen minutes. A wrecking crew with spreading tools had to be sent for to remove the wedge.

In this country Pommery Champagne is sold at wholesale by the trade for \$12.00 per case. Other champagnes are soid from \$27.25 to \$80.75 per case. Notwithstanding this, Poinmery is generally sold at retail at the same price per bottle at chaper priced wines.—Ade.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Sa M. ramar, White, Rio Janeiro, Nov. 26; Origen, Hegge, Kingston, Dec. 17.